Phyllis Stevenson

Phyllis "Corinne" Carey Stevenson of Tucson, Ariz., formerly of Grinnell, died May 25, 2008, at her home following a stubborn battle with cancer.

A memorial service and celebration of her life will be held Friday, June 6, at 2 p.m. in Christ Community Church, 7801 E. Kenyon Drive, Tucson.

She was born Feb. 10, 1923, the daughter of Ambrose Blaine and Minnie Roxie Morse Carey, and was raised in Ames and Des Moines She was united in marriage with Robert Stanley Stevenson on Oct. 20, 1945, following his discharge from the United States Army Air Corps. They resided in Hammond, Ind., and Cedar Rapids prior to moving to Grinnell. Following the death of her husband, she worked in the Grinnell College Book Store until her relocation to Mesa, Ariz., in 1975. She was an active member of the Grinnell Christian Church where she taught Sunday School and sang in the choir. In Mesa she was an administrative assistant at Farnsworth Development, until her retirement in 1992. She continued to sing in the choir in her new church home, and was an avid sports fan. She moved to Tucson in 2005 to be near her family.

She is survived by her sons Stanley Robert Stevenson of Houston, Texas, and Joel Brent Stevenson of Tucson and one grandson. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband and one brother, Weslyn "Dee" Carey.